

# NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER 2024

- Congratulations to the 2024 Club Champions...**Mike Jones** (back tees) and **Butch Vaut** (forward tees). See all the results in this newsletter.
- Tournament Chairman **Rod Wells** will be making our tournament schedule for 2025, very shortly. If there are courses you would like him to check into for the possibility of playing next year, call or email him at 214-629-6707, wellsrod00@gmail.com
- The current NTSGA Officers/Directors will remain in their current positions for 2025. A change to the Constitution lengthened the tenure of office holders to two years.
- Four members have already recorded sparkling 66's so far this year: **Jon Traver**, **Bill Jackson**, **David Kneer** and **Mike Jones**.

## BIRTHDAYS FOR OCTOBER:

Chris Arenas 14 <sup>th</sup>	Greg English 4 <sup>th</sup>	Dick Fargo 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Randy George</b> 30 <sup>th</sup>
Randy Grimes 18 <sup>th</sup>	Stu Kambury 12 <sup>th</sup>	Russ Medlin 19 <sup>th</sup>	David Michel 6 <sup>th</sup>
Randy Morgan 5 <sup>th</sup>	Wayne Mueller 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Tracy Rodden</b> 9 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Rowley 24 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Brent Smithers</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Yuji Suzuki 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bobby Vetkoetter</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Rick Waller 11 <sup>th</sup>
Harry Walsh 7 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Bob Wheeler 24 <sup>th</sup>	Gary Zimmerman 15 <sup>th</sup>	

## SEPTEMBER TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION

	Players	Percentage of full field	Low Gross	Low Net
Sept. 4 Tierra Verde	124	96%	<b>Rob Ruth</b> 70	<b>Rafael Rodriguez</b> 68
Sept. 11 Luna Vista	115	89%	<b>Mike Jones</b> 66	<b>Javier Iturbe</b> 63
Sept. 16 Lantana	129	101%	<b>Mike Jones</b> 70	<b>Jim Forrester</b> 68
Sept. 18 Watters Creek	128	100%	<b>Mike Jones</b> 68	<b>Ralph Westbrook</b> 66
Sept. 25 Buffalo Creek	101	78%	<b>Jon Traver</b> 71	<b>Javier Iturbe</b> 67
				<b>Dan Locklear</b> 67
				<b>Phil Mathura</b> 67
				<b>Ben Robinson</b> 67

## PUN INTENDED:

I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind.

## NEXT 5 TOURNAMENTS:

- Oct. 2 Bridlewood (Flower Mound) 8:00
- Oct. 9 Irving G.C. (Irving) 8:00
- Oct. 16 Tangleridge (Grand Prairie) 8:00
- Oct. 23 Mansfield Nat'l (Mansfield) 8:00
- Oct. 30 Tierra Verde (Arlington) 8:00

BEING KISSED  
WHILE YOU'RE  
ASLEEP IS ONE OF  
THE PUREST  
FORMS OF LOVE...  
UNLESS YOU'RE IN  
PRISON.

## DIRECTIONS TO GOLF COURSES...

Oct. 2 Bridlewood (Flower Mound) 972-355-4800; 4000 W. Windsor Dr. Proceed north on I-35E, exit at FM1171/Main St. (Lewisville). Turn left (west), drive 5 ½ miles, right turn at Bridlewood Blvd. At 1<sup>st</sup> stop sign, turn right, course entrance on left.

Oct. 9 Irving Golf Club (Irving) 972-457-0772 2000 E. Shady Grove Rd. Drive I-35E, bear right to get on Loop 12 South towards Irving. Pass Hwy 183 and drive 2 ½ miles south. Exit at Shady Grove, turn left, course entrance on right.

Oct. 16 Tangleridge (Grand Prairie) 972-299-6837; 818 Tangle Ridge Dr. Take I-35E south thru downtown Dallas. Bear right at the Hwy 67 split, towards Cleburne. After passing under I-20, drive 8.7 miles, exit at Lake Ridge Pkwy., right turn, drive 2 miles. Turn left at Park Ridge Dr. (traffic light), follow signs through residential area for approx. 1.2 miles to golf course entrance. Or, drive south on the George Bush Turnpike through Arlington towards I-20. Exit at Lake Ridge Parkway (the exit before I20) and continue south for approx 8.5 miles. After crossing 2nd bridge, drive .8 mile turning right at the traffic light to enter the Tangleridge residential area. Drive approx. 1.2 miles (go past elementary school). Turn right at Park Ridge Ct. Leads to golf course.

Oct. 23 Mansfield National (Mansfield) 817-477-3366; 3750 National Pkwy. Take I-20 westbound, exit at Hwy 360. Drive south approximately 8 miles. Exit at Heritage Pkwy. At the traffic light, turn left. Course straight ahead.

Oct. 30 Tierra Verde (Arlington) 817-478-8500; 7005 Golf Club Dr. Take I-20 west past Hwy 360, turn south on Hwy 287 towards Mansfield for approx. 2½ miles, exit at Eden Road (2<sup>nd</sup> exit south of I-20). At stop sign turn right for ½ mile. Left turn at entrance to Martin Luther King Sports Center. Second driveway on left leads into clubhouse.

**EXCESSIVE SIGN-UPS:** Sometimes more than the maximum number of players (128) sign up for our tournaments. When this happens, **Tournament Chairman Rod Wells** uses a computer selected random list of all members and has to call the number of members in excess of 128. He informs them that they will not be able to play in that event. (NTSGA By-Laws Article VI, Section 5). Don't feel as if you're being picked upon, as you will not be excluded from a tournament again until all 240 members have been screened and forced to sit out an event.

Sometimes, someone comes into your life and out of nowhere, makes your heart race and changes you forever...we call those people cops!

# 2024 NTSGA CHAMPIONSHIP

**CHAMPIONS:** MIKE JONES (MEDALIST) 138, Back Tee: \$150.00  
BUTCH VAUT (MEDALIST) 144, **Forward Tee:** \$150.00

**Round 1: Lantana G.C. 9-16-2024**

**Round 2: Watters Creek 9-18-2024**

## FLIGHT RESULTS (Net)

### 1<sup>st</sup> FLIGHT: Back (0.2 – 7.3)

1<sup>st</sup> John Leal 148 - 140 (\$100.00)  
2<sup>nd</sup> George Whitaker 156 – 146 (\$75.00)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> FLIGHT: Back (7.4 – 10.6)

1<sup>st</sup> Jim Forrester 149 - 135 (\$100.00)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Stu Kambury 157 – 143 (\$75.00)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> FLIGHT: Back (10.7 – 14.4)

1<sup>st</sup> David Tovar 164 –139 (\$100.00)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Rankey 163 - 145 (\$75.00)

### 4<sup>th</sup> FLIGHT: Back (14.5 – 23.6)

1<sup>st</sup> Mark Rushing 179 - 148 (\$100.00)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Phillips 185 – 150 (\$75.00)

### 1<sup>st</sup> FLIGHT: Forward (5.3 – 18.1)

1<sup>st</sup> Joe Philpott 165-144 (\$88.00)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Joe Bob Wheeler 165- 144 (\$88.00)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> FLIGHT: Forward (18.2 – 27.3)

1<sup>st</sup> Russ Manley 175 - 145 (\$100.00)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ralph Westbrook 192 - 152 (\$75.00)

## SCORECARDS:

Scorecards are used to record the golfers score on each hole. They are used by the PGA, LPGA, Senior Tour and NTSGA. A numerical number must be placed in the proper square alongside each player's name showing the score he made on all 18 holes. NTSGA scores are used to determine 2-man team winners, skins winners and flight payout money awarded to winning members. If you keep side bets amongst the foursome, these notations should be recorded on the course scorecard provided by the pro-shop and not on the pre-printed scorecard provide by the NTSGA Tournament Chairman. The Scoring Committee must convert these notations (+,0,-) into actual scores before entering into the computer for all 18 holes. This method of scorekeeping is time consuming and unacceptable and in the future will result in disqualification of the foursome. This is a backup article to the email sent to all members on this subject by **Handicap/Technology Chairman, Howie Bacharach.**

Anyone who says their wedding day was the best day of their life, has clearly never had two candy bars fall down at once from a vending machine!

## **AGE SHOOTERS: SEPTEMBER**

**Ted Dunson** 9/4 Tierra Verde 79  
**Jim Krause** 9/4 Tierra Verde 81  
**Wayne Mueller** 9/4 Tierra Verde 80  
**Rob Ruth** 9/4 Tierra Verde 70  
**Butch Vaut** 9/4 Tierra Verde 73  
**Ken Wagner** 9/4 Tierra Verde 76  
**Bob Wands** 9/4 Tierra Verde 86  
**Mike Jones** 9/11 Luna Vista 66  
**Tom McMahan** 9/11 Luna Vista 78  
**Elliott Prater** 9/11 Luna Vista 79  
**Jim Rowley** 9/11 Luna Vista 79  
**Butch Vaut** 9/11 Luna Vista 71  
**Ted Dunson** 9/16 Lantana 77  
**Jim Gawley** 9/16 Lantana 78  
**Jim Krause** 9/16 Lantana 77  
**Gene Lindsey** 9/16 Lantana 80  
**Wayne Mueller** 9/16 Lantana 77  
**Jack Thompson** 9/16 Lantana 76  
**Butch Vaut** 9/16 Lantana 71  
**Ken Wagner** 9/16 Lantana 78  
**Butch Vaut** 9/18 Watters Creek 73  
**Jim Rowley** 9/25 Buffalo Creek 78  
**Butch Vaut** 9/25 Buffalo Creek 72  
**Ken Wagner** 9/25 Buffalo Creek 78

**When I was a kid,  
when we played 'spin  
the bottle', if they  
didn't want to kiss  
you, they'd have to  
give you a quarter.  
By the time I was  
twelve, I owned my  
own home.**

Today I saw a dwarf climbing down a prison wall and I thought to myself, "That's a little condescending."

## **SAD NEWS:**

Longtime NTSGA member Bill Kayser passed away Sept. 13. He was a loyal member of our organization for 17 years. Born in San Antonio, he grew up in Kansas City attending local schools and graduating from Kansas State University. Following college, Bill began a career in sales, beginning with Sears Roebuck Co., Warner Chilcott, a pharmaceutical company, Surgikos Surgical Supply Company, a division of Johnson & Johnson pharmaceuticals where he was bestowed the "Man of the Year" award. Bill was an active member of the Presbyterian Church, a soccer coach, a soccer referee, tennis player and an active member of the YMCA Indian Guides program.

A Celebration of Life for Bill was held Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Rest in Peace, Bill Kayser

## CTP MARKERS:

The Closest to the Pin marker on Hole #9 was left on the green at Watters Creek by the 10B foursome (Chuck Adami, Scott Brock, Randy George and Francois Laubscher). This delays the printing of results after each tournament, because a member of the Scoring Committee must go out to the hole to retrieve the marker. It's very simple: If you're the "B" group and your last hole is a par 3, your responsibility is to bring the marker to the Scoring Committee. There is a notation on the scorecard in red ink, highlighted in yellow to pick up the CTP marker. Thank you.

## MORE SAD NEWS...

Jim Krause's wife Janet, passed away on Sept 26. A Celebration of Life for Janet will be held on Friday, Oct. 11 at the Ted Dickey West Funeral Home at 10:00 AM.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to 14 year loyal NTSGA member Jim Krause and his family.



Rest in Peace, Janet Krause

## WEATHER CANCELLATIONS.....

All members should get in the habit of checking the website (ntsga.org) the evening before a golf tournament and early morning before leaving for the golf course for possible messages from the Tournament Chairman regarding weather conditions/delays and/or cancellations. This procedure has now been enhanced by linking member's cell phones to receive this early morning cancellation message. To link your phone, contact **Technology Chm./Webmaster Howie Bacharach** (hbacharach@aol.com) and provide your mobile phone number and the name of your wireless carrier.

**NTSGA RULES REVIEW:** NTSGA adheres to USGA rules with exceptions to allow for more favorable playing conditions and the enjoyment of all members. One rule that seems to be violated is pertaining to bunker play. If a ball rests in wet sand and the bunker has areas of dry sand, the ball may be lifted, dry sand raked and ball dropped in the raked sand. The ball should be dropped from knee height and not placed on the dry sand. Pebbles, rocks, leaves, twigs, grass, etc. may now be removed from a bunker without penalty under the rule changes of 2019. If there are no dry areas in the bunker, drop the ball in front of the bunker within one club length from the front edge of the bunker in line where the ball lay and the hole, no closer to the hole. There is no penalty. The bunker should be between the player and the green. The other playing partners should agree on the correct action to be taken if a ball is to be repositioned.

